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PRICES TO FARMERS FOR CHILLI CROP
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether traders of Andhra Pradesh posing as farmers sell chilli in neighbouring States at high prices and evade income and commercial taxes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken against those those involved in such practice; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken to ensure that chilli farmers are not exploited and may get reasonable prices for their produce?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a) Ministry of Agriculture has not received any report about malpractices adopted by traders posing as farmers in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The farmers can sell their produce at any notified market centre in Andhra Pradesh where 1% advelorem market fee is leviable on purchase of chillies. The farmers, however, have to produce evidence in the form of certificate from revenue authorities for movement of their produce for sale to satisfy that the produce belongs to them.

In order to save farmers from distress sale in the event of fall in prices below economic levels, Government of India is implementing Market Intervention Scheme(MIS) for procurement of horticultural items of importance.The scheme is implemented on the written request received from the concerned State Government alongwith their willingness to share 50% of the total losses incurred, if any, in undertaking market operations at mutually agreed prices under the scheme.